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From: Evans, Rhonda
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 4:29 PM
To: Smart, Lindsey S
Cc: Howard, Bob; Derby, Jennifer
Subject: RE: NEPORT projects from Albemarle Pamlico still an issue

Hi Lindsey, I think the working farm projects are good...certainly should be able to count the buffers established, if not the farm itself. Can you check with the state for the details, especially regarding water quality benefits, adjacency to 303(d)listed sites, etc.? I also definitely want to include any new work done on Lux farms this year. It is a long-term, great project that collectively is providing significant water quality benefits. When you talk to Todd or his staff, please see if he can provide some narrative on those benefits (even if we can't document them on an acreage basis, or determine which part of the overall project is providing the benefits, they are real and measurable.) It is good to provide the anecdotal information from this project (i.e. improvements to adjacent streams, opening of closed shellfish beds downstream, etc.) Thanks, Rhonda

From: Smart, Lindsey S [mailto:lindsey.smart@ncdenr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 4:14 PM
To: Evans, Rhonda
Cc: Derby, Jennifer; Howard, Bob
Subject: RE: NEPORT projects from Albemarle Pamlico still an issue

Rhonda,

I will do the best that I can in getting the additional information. It may be that we need to just remove the 3 working farm projects. That is really all of the information I have with regard to those projects. I can try and get more information on the Lux Farm project from the folks at the NC Coastal Federation.

Thanks,
Lindsey

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From: Evans, Rhonda [mailto:Evans.Rhonda@epa.gov]
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To: Smart, Lindsey S
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on the water quality and other benefits from these types of measures, that would be useful tool. This information is provided to the public so it needs to be explained thoroughly (even simplistically). I am out tomorrow so please feel free to provide the information directly to Nancy.

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To: Evans, Rhonda
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I'm also not clear about the 3 working farm projects. How does the easement in each case protect the ag/forest land if ag and forest harvest are still allowed to be done on the site?? What does the easement spell out with regard to restrictions?

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Thanks very much for your help! I would rather not send each project back for a Redo and Resubmission to save time.

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From: Evans, Rhonda
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 1:48 PM
To: bill.crowell@ncdenr.gov
Cc: Howard, Bob; Derby, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Final approvals for NEPORT

Hi Bill, I approved all the revisions requested by Nancy last week (I have never had any problems with the projects). Have you heard from Nancy regarding any additional requests? She did send an email (rather than another redo) which I forwarded to Lindsey so she could work directly with Nancy on specific questions. I think she wanted more complete information provided on the projects. Was Lindsey able to provide Nancy with what she needed? Just trying to get loose ends taken care of following the furlough. Thanks so much, Rhonda

From: Howard, Bob
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 11:36 AM
To: Laurson, Nancy
Cc: Kendall, Drew; Evans, Rhonda
Subject: Final approvals for NEPORT

Hi Nancy,
Just wanted to check with you regarding the Regional approvals for the last Albemarle Pamlico and Indian River projects. Will these eight projects be included in the final totals? Is there anything else that we need to do?

Thank you for your assistance.

Bob

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From: Evans, Rhonda
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 1:52 PM
To: Howard, Bob; Laurson, Nancy
Cc: Kendall, Drew; Derby, Jennifer; Smart, Lindsey S
Subject: RE: Final approvals for NEPORT

Hi Nancy, I forwarded your informal request for more information directly to Lindsey Smart. Was she able to provide you with what you needed for the APNEP projects? Thanks, Rhonda

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From: Brosius, Ashley
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 1:33 PM
To: bill.crowell@ncdenr.gov
Cc: Howard, Bob
Subject: CRE Lessons Learned draft feedback
Attachments: Lessons Learned Draft-clean-2013-09-16.docx

Hi Bill,

We recently completed a draft of the Lessons Learned document for the SE and CRE projects. Originally I had been working with Jim on this task, but I know he has since moved on to a different position. I was wondering if you might have had a chance to look over the text relating to APNEP and if you had any feedback or could give us the go ahead to use the language that is currently there. I've pasted it below, so you can take a look at it pretty easily. I'm also attaching the full document here in case you'd like to see how it's all coming along.

We have tried to include ~2 lessons per NEP. This is the current APNEP language on "lessons learned":
The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program reached out to increase public and local government awareness of climate change in five counties of the Albemarle-Pamlico region. Public opinion surveys and targeted interviews were used to design county-specific climate change communication strategies for meetings with community leaders to promote constructive and practical discussion of climate change in the Albemarle-Pamlico region.

The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program worked with the EPA Climate Ready Water Utilities program to use the Climate Resilience Evaluation & Awareness Tool. The CREAT software leads drinking water and wastewater utility owners and operators understand their climate change risks and helps them to identify potential adaptation options for their situation.

I had spoken to Marilyn a few months ago relating to Jim leaving b/c I saw on APNEP's website that his position was listed as vacant. She mentioned that you guys were awaiting approval to have the position listed on DENR's website. I have been watching it pretty closely and was just wondering if maybe I had missed it or if you guys are still awaiting approval for the new hire. I am from SC and am interested in coming back to the South, especially to the Raleigh area. The potential for a new job posting is very appealing!

Thanks for any comments you have on the work we have so far. We're hoping to have this finished up sometime in early 2014.

Regards,

Ashley

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Wilson, Karen

From: Nimmer, Kimberly [kimberly.nimmer@ncdenr.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 2:25 PM
To: Wilson, Karen
Cc: Farzaad, Marjan; Kotey, Napoleon; Brown, Yolanda
Subject: RE: NC Waiver/Exemption Request

Karen,
I received your email. We will be working to pull together the additional documentation needed to support the FY14 exemption request, which you have outlined in your email. I will let you know if any questions arise.

Kim

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**From:** Wilson, Karen [mailto:Wilson.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 1:03 PM  
**To:** Nimmer, Kimberly  
**Cc:** Farzaad, Marjan; Kotey, Napoleon; Brown, Yolanda  
**Subject:** NC Waiver/Exemption Request

Hi Kim,

I'm sorry to take so long to get back to you on your request for an exemption for the FY 14 319 grant, but it was unavoidable due to the federal furlough.

As we discussed in our phone conversation with you on Monday, we had the opportunity to discuss your request with EPA Headquarters. Since the FY 14 319 Grant workplan still shows the need to fund staff positions that may only engage in 319 activities periodically, we decided to proceed with the exemption option rather than a waiver. If we had proceeded with the waiver, I think we would have a hard time reconciling all of the FTEs funded out of Implementation Funds with the FY14 319 Guidelines. So, here are the next steps:

1. **9-Elements Requirement:** Thank you for providing a link to the six watershed-based workplans supported with Clean Water Management Trust Funds. I was able to download them, but have not had a chance to review them in any detail. You stated during the call that the NC NPS Program considers them to be equivalent to an EPA 9-Element Watershed Based Plan. For the purposes of the exemption, you will need to demonstrate equivalency for the EEP plans. This can be done through a brief correspondence showing which pages in each

document you see as satisfying the 319 9-elements. Please note, that if an element is not addressed, you would have to provide that section.

2. Additionally, you will be required to meet the criteria outlined in Section G of the FY14 "Section 319 Program Guidance" on Pages 40-41.
  - a) A statement that the Projects are aligned with the priorities as described in the state NPS management program;
  - b) a statement of assurance/certification that these projects will meet the goals of the watershed project funding requirement;
  - c) that the projects will be completed within the FY14 Grant period;
  - d) that the projects used to meet the exemption will be reported in EPA's Grants tracking System (GRTS) in the same manner as Section 319 funded projects;
  - e) assurance that no federal funds count as leveraging; and,
  - f) that non-federal funds used for the 40% match are not being used to meet the exemption.

All of these can be addressed in the same correspondence. We will be happy to help with any of these analyses or determinations. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Karen

Nimmer, Kimberly [<mailto:kimberly.nimmer@ncdenr.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2013 4:50 PM

**To:** Wilson, Karen

**Cc:** Gannon, Rich; Fransen, Tom; Woodlief, Lucia

**Subject:** NC FY2014 319 Grant work plan

Karen,

Attached are the documents for North Carolina's FY2014 319 Grant work plan and application package. The application and work plan were delivered last Wednesday to our Division's Budget office to be routed for signatures. Once the application has been signed by DENR Secretary Skvarla, Lucia Woodlief in our Division's Budget office will send the entire application package to Sherry Miles's attention.

North Carolina is requesting exemption from the 50 percent watershed project funding requirement, as described in pages 40-41 of the Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines released in April 2013. We are able to document substantial state fund leveraging from the implementation of watershed restoration projects funded by the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF). Due to the large electronic file size, in separate emails I will send you the applications from six restoration projects funded by the CWMTF as well as the five watershed restoration plans those projects are implementing. These six projects and their non-federal match total \$5,049,517 which substantially exceeds the \$3,455,000 federal 319 allocation that North Carolina hopes to be awarded in FY2014. These leveraged funds do not count toward the required 40% match, which is otherwise documented in the FY2014 319 grant work plan.

Please let me know if there is anything else that you need for the FY2014 work plan or exemption request.

Thank you,  
Kim

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